

Online College in the High School 2010-2011

Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.OnlineCollegeintheHighSchool.org>



The **Online College in the High School** program offers courses from Minnesota Colleges and Universities to public high school students in a distance learning (computer/web-based) format. The Online College in the High School program enables students to remain in their high school building while they access online, college level courses.

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1. **Who are the participating Minnesota Colleges and Universities?** There are four participating colleges and universities:
 - Alexandria Technical College
 - Lake Superior College
 - Minnesota State Community and Technical College
 - Northland Community and Technical College
 - Northwest Technical College
 - University of Minnesota (courses anticipated – Spring 2011)
 2. **How are the Online College in the High School courses delivered?** Online College in the High School courses are delivered to participating high school students through a computer. Internet access is required, PC computer format is preferred. Courses are delivered through the Desire 2 Learn (D2L) platform, and are in an asynchronous format.
 3. **What are the special features of Online College in the High School?** Special features of the Online College in the High School include: contracted tuition, college and high school transcription, homogenous (high school) student groups, and instantaneous access to student progress, program student achievement data, on site proctors at each high school, and a customized application and registration process. These features allow for the

offering of technical education courses and general education courses in the MN Transfer Curriculum.

4. **What courses are available through Online College in the High School?** The course offerings for **Fall of 2010** include: Career and Technical Courses: Building Planning & Specifications, Computer Assisted Drafting/2D, Introduction to HTML
MnTransfer Curriculum Courses: Anatomy & Physiology I, College Algebra, Ethics, Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry, Environmental Science Issues, Introduction to Public Speaking, General Psychology, Jazz History, Social Problems, World History to 1500, World Regional Geography.
Elective: Career Planning.

The course offerings for **Spring of 2011** include: Career and Technical Courses: Building Planning & Specifications, Introduction to Alternative Energy: Biofuels, Medical Terminology, Principles of Marketing, Web Graphic Design. MnTransfer Curriculum Courses: Anatomy & Physiology II, Consumer Economics & Finance, Developmental Psychology, Introduction to Film Studies, Introduction to Public Speaking, MN History, Principles of Nutrition, Sociology of Popular Culture, Statistics.

Course enrollment is on a first come, first served basis. Final offerings may be determined by enrollment.

5. **What are the responsibilities of the high school with students participating in Online College in the High School?** The responsibilities of participating high schools are to provide registered students with an instructional period with access to a networked computer, provision of a Proctor during that instructional period for the duration of the course, training of the Proctor (available from the Online Support Center and partner colleges), payment of tuition, purchase and provision of course required books, and the completion of registration and enrollment of participating students.
6. **What is the cost for a course from the Online College in the High School Program?** For the 2010-2011 school year: a one credit course will cost a district approximately \$166.00 per student; a two credit course will cost a district approximately \$332.00 per student; a three credit course will cost a school district approximately \$498.00 per student; and a four credit course will cost a school district approximately \$665.00 per student. Please contact your distance learning coordinator with questions about the maximum seat cost per student. Textbook costs are additional.
7. **What are the student eligibility requirements for Online College in the High School?** Only Junior and Senior high school students are eligible for Online College in the High School. A GPA of 2.8 is required for Seniors, 3.2 for Juniors. Also required is a college level score on the Accuplacer assessment. Students with an acceptable ACT or PLAN score may be eligible to enroll without taking the Accuplacer assessment. (ACT/PLAN Reading of 21; ACT/PLAN Algebra of 22) Students who do not meet these requirements due to extenuating circumstances may be considered for participation in the Online College in the High School if recommended by their high school administration and approved by the offering College.

8. **What is the timeline for the Online College in the High School Program?** *Please refer to the Online College in the High School website for current schedule information. Timelines for fall 2010 and spring 2011 will be published in December, 2009. Unofficial college transcripts are sent approximately two weeks after the term ends. Students will receive information about how to print course grades immediately after the term has ended.*
9. **What students typically fit well with online courses?** Online courses are a good fit for many students. Students who prefer face to face instruction and/or do not like using technology as a tool in the learning process, however, are not typically good candidates for online courses. Successful online students typically are: self-motivated, responsible, comfortable with adhering to faculty driven deadlines, committed to spending hours outside of school on their online courses, interested in using technology as a learning tool, and able to manage their time effectively to meet the pace and expectations associated with a college level class.
10. **How can I help my school get started with Online College in the High School?** More information is available from the distance learning coordinator in your area. If your area is not listed, contact Inger Wegener at iwegener@lcsc.org or (218) 739-3273 or Jill Abbott at Jill.Abbott@minnesota.edu or (218) 846-3796. For application and registration information and assistance, contact Connie Grant at ochs@custhelp.com or 1-800-456-8519.

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